

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A coating dry estimating method of estimating a dry state of coating on a coating target, comprising:

5 a first step of calculating temperature data indicating transition of a temperature distribution of the coating target with time lapse;

a second step of calculating an integrated value of an amount of heat applied to the coating on the basis of the temperature data; and

10 a third step of estimating the dry state of the coating on the basis of the integrated value of the amount of heat.

2. The coating dry estimating method according to claim 1, wherein the third step contains a step of comparing the
15 integrated value of the amount of heat applied to the coating with a threshold value for judging dry of the coating to estimate the dry state of the coating.

3. The coating dry estimating method according to claim 2,
20 wherein the second step is a step of determining a time period for which the temperature of the coating target is within a predetermined temperature range in the temperature data, and calculating the integrated value of the amount of heat applied to the coating within the time period.

4. The coating dry estimating method according to claim 3,
wherein the second step contains a step of correcting the
integrated value of the amount of heat on the basis of at least
one of the film thickness of the coating, the kind of coating
5 material used for the coating and the content of solvent
contained in the coating.

5. The coating dry estimating method according to claim 1,
wherein the first step contains a step of superposing a coating
10 target mesh achieved by representing the coating target in
the form of a mesh on an in-furnace area mesh achieved by modeling
a dry furnace and representing the dry furnace in the form of
a mesh while moving the coating target mesh in conformity with
a movement pattern representing a movement locus of the coating
15 target, thereby generating superposed grids time-sequentially,
and a step of analyzing the temperature distribution of the
coating target by using each of the superposed grids generated
time-sequentially.

20 6. The coating dry estimating method according to claim 5,
wherein the coating target mesh comprises a fine mesh achieved
by representing the internal structure of a member at a note
site to be noted for analysis in the form of a mesh, and a rough
mesh achieved by representing the surface of the coating target
25 at portions other than the note site in the form of a mesh.

7. The coating dry estimating method according to claim 2, wherein the first step contains a step of superposing a coating target mesh achieved by representing the coating target in the form of a mesh on an in-furnace area mesh achieved by modeling a dry furnace and representing the dry furnace in the form of a mesh while moving the coating target mesh in conformity with a movement pattern representing a movement locus of the coating target, thereby generating superposed grids time-sequentially, and a step of analyzing the temperature distribution of the coating target by using each of the superposed grids generated time-sequentially.

8. The coating dry estimating method according to claim 7, wherein the coating target mesh comprises a fine mesh achieved by representing the internal structure of a member at a note site to be noted for analysis in the form of a mesh, and a rough mesh achieved by representing the surface of the coating target at portions other than the note site in the form of a mesh.

9. The coating dry estimating method according to claim 3, wherein the first step contains a step of superposing a coating target mesh achieved by representing the coating target in the form of a mesh on an in-furnace area mesh achieved by modeling a dry furnace and representing the dry furnace in the form of

a mesh while moving the coating target mesh in conformity with a movement pattern representing a movement locus of the coating target, thereby generating superposed grids time-sequentially, and a step of analyzing the temperature distribution of the coating target by using each of the superposed grids generated
5 time-sequentially.

10. The coating dry estimating method according to claim 9, wherein the coating target mesh comprises a fine mesh achieved
10 by representing the internal structure of a member at a note site to be noted for analysis in the form of a mesh, and a rough mesh achieved by representing the surface of the coating target at portions other than the note site in the form of a mesh.

15 11. The coating dry estimating method according to claim 4, wherein the first step contains a step of superposing a coating target mesh achieved by representing the coating target in the form of a mesh on an in-furnace area mesh achieved by modeling a dry furnace and representing the dry furnace in the form of
20 a mesh while moving the coating target mesh in conformity with a movement pattern representing a movement locus of the coating target, thereby generating superposed grids time-sequentially, and a step of analyzing the temperature distribution of the coating target by using each of the superposed grids generated
25 time-sequentially.

12. The coating dry estimating method according to claim 11,
wherein the coating target mesh comprises a fine mesh achieved
by representing the internal structure of a member at a note
5 site to be noted for analysis in the form of a mesh, and a rough
mesh achieved by representing the surface of the coating target
at portions other than the note site in the form of a mesh.

13. A recording medium recorded with a program for making
10 a computer execute a coating dry estimating method of estimating
a dry state of coating on a coated coating target, comprising:

a first step of calculating temperature data indicating
transition of a temperature distribution of the coating target
with time lapse;

15 a second step of calculating an integrated value of an
amount of heat applied to the coating on the basis of the
temperature data; and

a third step of estimating the dry state of the coating
on the basis of the integrated value of the amount of heat.

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14. A coating dry estimating system for estimating a dry state
of coating on a coated coating target, comprising:

a storage device for storing a threshold value for judgment
of dry of the coating; and

25 a computer for calculating temperature data representing

transition of a temperature distribution of the coating target with time lapse, calculating an integrated value of the amount of heat applied to the coating on the basis of the temperature data, and comparing the integrated value of the amount of heat
5 applied to the coating with the threshold value to estimate the dry state of the coating.

15. The coating dry estimating system according to claim 14, wherein the computer calculates a time period for which the
10 temperature of the coating target is within a predetermined temperature range in the temperature data, and calculating an integrated value of the amount of heat applied to the coating within the time period.

15 16. The coating dry estimating system according to claim 14, wherein the computer corrects the integrated value of the amount of heat on the basis of at least one of the film thickness of the coating, the kind of coating material used for the coating and the content of solvent contained in the coating.

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